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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kunio SHIOTA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1631  
Application No.: 09/881,748 ) Examiner: Jerry LIN  
Filed: June 18, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 8762  
For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING )  
CELLS USING DNA )  
METHYLATION PATTERNS )

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants now respond to the Office Action ("Action") mailed March 7, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks. Applicants also respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper at page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendments section of this paper at page 5.